

State of Idaho Telecommunications Reports, Fees and Surcharges

There are no Idaho taxes on telephone service! There are, however, some fees and surcharges that are applied to telephone service. The following is a summary. For more detailed information, click on the pertinent sub-header(s).

Regulatory Fees

Idaho Code § 62-611 refers to §61-1001 for procedures relating to regulatory fees. Every telephone company that has a price list/tariff on file with this Commission and every “Other Communications Provider” is contacted at the end of the year to report its Idaho income for that year. Weighted average rates are then calculated by the Commission and each company is billed a rate not to exceed 3/10 of 1% of the company’s gross revenue, with a minimum fee of \$50.

Idaho Universal Service Fund (USF)

Idaho Code § 62-610 et seq. (and IDAPA 31.46.01) requires monthly reporting and payments to the Idaho Universal Service Fund. Order No. 29570 specifies that USF surcharges for October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005, shall be \$0.10 per month for residential lines, \$0.15 per month for business lines, and \$.003 per minute for intrastate long distance. Monthly and annual forms must be submitted to the Administrator. Idaho law permits companies to pass these charges to their end users as separate line items on their bills. The Administrator for this fund is Alyson Anderson, who can be reached at (775)782-0501. You may send your reports and payments to her at P.O. Box 206, Minden NV 89723-0206, Fax 775-782-3845, email alyson_anderson@msn.com. Companies may apply to the Administrator for exemption from monthly reporting, enabling them to report and pay less frequently.

Telecommunications Relay System (TRS)

Idaho Code § 61-1301 et seq. (and IDAPA 31.46.02) requires monthly reporting and payments to the Telecommunications Relay System fund. Order No. 29472 requires all companies to pay \$0.04 per month per access line and \$0.0007 per intrastate minute into the Telecommunications Relay System fund. These amounts may be revised each April. Idaho law does not permit companies to pass this charge on to the end-users except by including it in their rates for services. The Administrator for this fund is Robert Dunbar, and he can be reached at (208) 846-8371. His mailing address is 2545 North Waggle Place, Meridian ID 83642, email bdunbar2@mindspring.com. Companies may apply to the Administrator for an exemption from monthly reporting, enabling them to report and pay less frequently.

Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Plan (ITSAP)

Idaho Code § 56-901 et seq. requires monthly reporting and payment into the Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Plan. This reporting may, after a period of time, be reduced to quarterly reporting and payment. Order No. 29475 maintains the surcharge at \$0.12 per business, residential and wireless access service line, but lines belonging to recipients of ITSAP are excluded. The funds are used to pay the state portion of the federal Lifeline plan. These costs must be passed on to end-user as a separate line item on the bill. Alyson Anderson also administers this fund. Reach her at P.O. Box 206, Minden NV 89723-0206, Voice (775)782-0501, Fax (775)782-3845. email alyson_anderson@msn.com

Annual Notice

All telephone corporations (except mutual nonprofit or cooperative corporations) that did not hold a certificate of public convenience and necessity or provide telephone service on July 1, 1988 are subject to the provisions of Title 62. These corporations must file a notice with the commission prior to providing service in Idaho that describes the telecommunication services to be offered, the area served by it and the names and addresses of several contact persons. See Idaho Code § 62-604. This information must be updated whenever there is a change and annually on or before January 1 of each year.

911 Surcharge

Fees or surcharges for 9-1-1 are collected and administered by each county in Idaho on a county-by-county basis. The surcharges are determined and administered by each county on a county-by-county basis, with a maximum of \$1.00 per month per line. They are assessed on a "per telephone line" basis, but they do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

[Idaho Code § 31-4801](#) provides for the collection of a surcharge to fund emergency reporting services.

County information may be available from www.idcounties.org.

The rules and statutes cited above and copies of the orders are available from our website.